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Masahiro MINOWA

Serial No: 09/812,709

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For: RECEIPT PRINTING AND ISSUING SYSTEM, AN  
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AND A DATA STORAGE MEDIUM USING THE SAME

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 28, 2004, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.